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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 3528

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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA

REF: CAPE TOWN 754; PRETORIA 3438;
STATE 192290; PRETORIA 3382

1. I SAW DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE LAST THURSDAY AND ASKED HIM ABOUT IMMINENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA BEING REPORTED BY PRESS. FOURIE SAID CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE NOW IN SESSION WORKING ON GUIDELINES FOR CONSTITUTION. HE THOUGHT COMMITTEE MIGHT PRODUCE SUCH GUIDELINES IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE BUT EVEN THIS IS COMPLICATED TASK THAT WILL PROBABLY EXTEND BEYOND AUGUST 31. ONLY OTHER CONCRETE DEVELOPMENT HE MENTIONED WAS RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF A "PRO-SOUTH WEST AFRICA MOVEMENT" ALONG LINES OF SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS. THIS IS PRIVATE, BUSINESS-ORIENTED GROUP WITH MULTIRACIAL COMPOSITON.

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WM I ASKED HIM ABOUT OTHER REPORTS CARRIED BY RDM
STAFFER SERFONTEIN TO EFFECT THAT INTERIM GOVERNMENT
WOULD BE SET UP SOON AND THAT NATIONAL PARTY LEADERSHIP
REALIGNMENTS, IF NOT PARTY SPLIT, WAS IN THE OFFING.
HE DISMISSED THESE AS THE SPECULATION OF MISINFORMED
JOURNALISTS SEEKING A STORY. INTERIM GOVERNMENT HE
REGARDED AS PREMATURE CONCEPT REQUIRING A GREAT DEAL
MORE NEGOTIATION TO DEVELOP CONCEPTS AND ACCOMMODATE
VIEWS. WHILE EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF DIRK
MUDGE, HE STRESSED THAT NATIONAL PARTY IS WELL DISCIPLINED
AND KNOWS HOW TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES.

3. PRESS, INCLUDING USUALLY WELL-INFORMED ARGUS REPORTED
CLIVE COWLEY, CONTINUED OVER THE WEEKEND AND TODAY TO
SPECULATE ALONG SAME LINES REPORTED PRETORIA 3382 ABOUT MAJOR
DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK. POL CONS LEAVING
FOR WINDHOEK TODAY TO CHECK SITUATION ON THE SCENE.
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